

In Woman's Realm

Taffeta Suit, Easily One of the Best of the Season's Productions, Is the One Displayed—Outfit That Will Deserve the Attention of the College Girl.

By daring to be perfectly plain, but otherwise not going contrary to prevailing fashions, the taffeta suit shown may make claim to noteworthy originality. It is a between-seasons affair, which will prove a safe investment for the young women who must make an early selection. It is a happy choice for the miss who is still in school, and whose youthfulness needs no furbelows.

So severe a model is a rarity in silk and this one is too plain to need description. The fullness of the skirt is shirred into a short yoke at the sides

shown in the picture. Most of these are of velvet over rather pliable shapes, but a hat of satin, hatter's plush or other fabric lends variety to the showings.

Wide-brimmed sailors, big tams and hats with irregular brims appear along with smaller shapes. The illustration shows a turban of satin, trimmed with an acorn and leaves made of velvet applied against the front brim and crown. At the center of the group, a mushroom, covered with black velvet is brightened by a wide border of colored velvet and a wreath of small



SILK SUIT AT ITS BEST.

and back, and it fastens at the left front. The body of the coat could not be cut on simpler lines, and it hangs straight from the shoulder. It is joined to the pelum under a soft crushed belt of the taffeta, fastening at the front with a prim bow and buckle. Round velvet-covered buttons and small silk cord loops take care of the front fastening.

The sleeves are long and flare a little at the band, where they are slashed into rounded points. A soft collar of plique is worn inside the rolling collar of silk.

As to the silk suit for street or other wear, it is one of the most satisfactory possessions. Women who know how to use decorative needlework can buy plain suits and embellish them with embroideries that place them in the class of exclusive designs. By the addition of other trimmings and fashion features the plain suit may be converted into an expression of individual taste, as the season grows older.

Before the cool breezes of September have begun to sigh with the passing of summer, the college girl must

metallie blossoms set in velvet leaves. There is a flat band of narrow grosgrain ribbon about the top crown finished with a little bow at the back.

An all-black velvet hat, at the right, is one of the smartest of tailored patterns. It has a collar of grosgrain ribbon; and a fan of velvet, finished with little ruffles of ribbon, is perched on the upturned brim.

Substantial Lettering.

Has it occurred to you what attractive letters substantial tapes or braids of almost any kind will make on household linens? This is really as easy a way of marking as any. It is necessary, of course, first to mark off your letters; a script is usually best for braidwork, and the marking can be done with a stout card upon which the letter has been drawn and the outline perforated with pins. This card will last for many stampings with a soft lead pencil through the perforations.

Cotton souteche, very fine rickrack, coronation, cotton rat-tail or any braid may be worked into these letters. The heavier braids, of course, should be



OUTFIT FOR THE COLLEGE GIRL.

betthink her of her outfitting for school. Her street suit and blouses for daily wear and a tailored hat for fall must be selected in advance of the real opening of the new season. But the creators of style have already launched the things that she will need, and in millinery especially there is an abundance of felt and velvet hats made for her exclusive benefit.

Plain, bright-colored felts and velours, trimmed with bands of ribbon or simple ornaments, or with flat decorations of embroidery are sure of their welcome already. They are nearly all brimmed hats with comfortable crowns, and many of them are made in two-toned designs, that is, the under brim is in a contrasting color. Besides the pressed hats there are the "made" or tailored hats like those

served for Turkish towels and heavier linen. If using a braid which has a decided edge, like rickrack, turn the braid in following the loops, so that the edge points outward from the letter always.

Newest Smock.

Made of heavy blue cotton crepe with a shallow collar and snug protective wristbands is the smock of the moment. It reaches the skirt hem and as far as looks is concerned there is no need of a skirt beneath. It may serve as an overall and keep a dainty dress from garden stains and kitchen grime, for the bottom of the hem is sewn together, leaving slits for the feet to go through, producing thus a sort of bloomer.

In Laundering Lace.

Lace collars and cuffs should be carefully basted on a strip of flannel, then placed in a soda of lukewarm water and soap and allowed to soak for an hour. They may then be washed between the hands, rinsed carefully and put in the sun to dry. When almost dry remove the pieces from the flannel and pick out the edges; next lay on the ironing board, covering with a piece of thin, dry flannel, and press with a hot iron until dry. Then lay the lace on a tray in

the sun for 20 minutes. This will restore the color and natural firmness. Black lace may be washed clean, then dipped into a little carefully made and strained coffee, which will restore its color and stiffness, but the lace must be well aired after so doing.—New York Tribune.

Chiffon Kerchiefs.

Chiffon handkerchiefs, in delicate colors to match the gown, belt, hat or bag are round with frills of net or real lace.

WASHINGTON CITY SIDELIGHTS



National Capital Popular as a Summer Resort

WASHINGTON.—Washington has broken all records this summer in entertaining visitors. From all parts of the country people are flocking to Washington and when leaving are expressing the intention to come again soon.

Railroad and steamship lines have been doing an unusually brisk business. Washington hotels are well filled. Some of them have been unable to care for all the patrons that have applied for reservations.

Not only in convention gatherings and by special excursions are these visitors thronging in Washington, but the individual tourist is here in larger numbers than ever before to see the sights of the national capital at his or her leisure and pay homage at the historic shrines in this neighborhood. Secretaries of all trade organizations who each week receive hundreds of requests for information about Washington and its hotel accommodations from all parts of the country report that this season has been an unusually busy one along this line. They find that most of the people want to come to the capital sometime during the summer, and that there is a growing disposition to make up large vacation parties from certain localities who will come together to visit the beauties of the national capital. They also find that those who come on such parties find they cannot exhaust the attractions of Washington and its environments on one trip and that they return again and again.

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Army Medical Department Is Paying High Prices

IN THE rush toward placing the military forces of the country in a state of preparedness, the army medical department has been faced with some trying problems, but perhaps one of the most trying is the matter of obtaining medical supplies under greatly increased prices due to the European war. There is already a deficiency in the bureau of medicine and surgery of \$55,000, due to the high war prices of the present time.

An adequate idea of these prices can be gained by the statement that quinine, which formerly brought about 25 cents an ounce, now is selling around \$4 an ounce, although with fluctuations and in quantities for the army, it has been possible to purchase it around \$2 an ounce. Not long ago the navy was in dire need of quinine, which was obtainable in comparatively small lots only at the \$4-an-ounce figure. A firm in Amsterdam quoted prices on a ton of the drug, but due to high freight rates, this was not deemed a good bargain, particularly in view of the fact that the domestic price was expected to drop. In the meantime, Admiral Caperton, in command of the sailors and marines in Dominican waters, was appealing every few days by radio for quinine.

Caperton's demand was finally supplied. Nearly all drugs on the market have made astonishing rises in price. Bromides are almost unobtainable, and permanganate of potash, widely used as a disinfectant, is also very scarce.

An altogether unusual feature of the scarcity of various materials through the war, is the fact that since the allied blockade of Germany was made effective, it has been almost impossible to get dyes of the proper hue to color worsteds for the color-perception test, one of the most important of naval examinations. Where 200 sets of colors were needed, only 70 have been obtainable since last fall.

The almost unparalleled demand for parchment certificates of commission to be given army officers, has led to a parchment scarcity in the war department, and this scarcity is chiefly due to the effect of the army reorganization act, which called for the promotion of hundreds of officers and the appointment to second lieutenantcies of no less than 1,800 men.

The demand for commission certificates is so great that the bureau of engraving has served notice that it will be unable to supply parchment for all these certificates and that it will be necessary to engrave parchment paper, instead. This fact reduces the contemplated cost of the bureau's material and work to \$6,000, instead of the \$12,000 originally estimated.

Plans for New Home for Department of Justice

DETAILED plans have been announced for the big office building at the northeast corner of Vermont avenue and K street northwest, which will be occupied on completion by the department of justice. The structure will cost \$300,000 and be the last word in buildings suitable for housing a great corporation or a government department. It is especially designed to meet the needs of the department of justice, and officials have put their O K on the plans.

The building will be eight stories high, with a frontage of 148 feet on Vermont avenue and 145 on K street. There will be two entrances. The exterior will be of Indiana limestone for the first two stories and tapestry brick above, trimmed with the same stone. The first floor will house, among other offices, part of the extensive library of the department, and there will be two other libraries on the second and third floors, lack of library space having been one of the chief complaints in the old building.

The offices of the attorney general, his assistants and other administrative officials will take up on each floor a triangular space with frontages on both Vermont avenue and K street. In the rear will be a large court admitting light and fresh air and extending to the roof of the first story, where will be installed an extensive skylight over the main library.

In the cellar will be the machine rooms, among them one which will house the engines for working the vacuum-cleaning plant, and there will also be room for storage. There will be three electric high-speed elevators. The halls will be tiled, and composition flooring will be used in the offices. On the sixth floor will be the central telephone and telegraph stations of the department. There will be more than 11,000 square feet of floor space to each story, and the building is of a size which will for years fill the needs of the department, maintaining the smallest force in Washington of any of the governmental divisions.

The contract requires that the building shall be finished by January 9, 1917, and the department forces will move in shortly afterward.

Big Exhibit of Snakes in the National Museum

THE exhibit of snakes in the National museum strongly influences the large number of visitors who stray that way. Many persons who come upon it turn away with evident fear, usually saying something to the effect that they cannot bear even to look upon such things. Others linger around the glass cases containing the exhibits as though charmed by the spectacle. As an exhibit of snakes it is a magnificent spectacle. Splendid specimens of numerous species have been collected, and are displayed with due and artistic regard to realism.

The rattlesnake division seems to hold the greatest interest for visitors and there is a magnificent, or atrocious, specimen of the diamond rattler displayed in a scene representing his natural haunt. This specimen is six feet five and a quarter inches long. The middle of his body is as thick as the calf of a large man's leg and it does not taper down to slim proportions as in the case of most members of the snake tribe. Its general appearance, it is wicked and justifies the reputation in which it is held.

One of the attractive specimens is a harriguin snake, a small and quite slender fellow with alternate black and red bands each about an inch long and each separated from the other by a narrow band of yellow. If one will pause to read the descriptive card this is the information it will convey: "Notwithstanding its harmless appearance, popularly indicated by its small head, the harriguin snake is one of the most deadly poisonous snakes. Fortunately, cases of bite from this snake are rare, owing to its gentle disposition and the smallness of its mouth, but the bite when inflicted is very dangerous."

In the exhibit one will find excellent specimens of the India cobra, bon-constrictors, a python 30 feet long, the gopher or the indigo snake, the summer green snake, chicken snakes, corn snakes, coach-whip snakes, blacksnakes, the brown king snake, the scarlet snake, Boyle's chain snake, the ordinary chain snake, which is to be found around Washington; the ball snake of Arizona, the western pine snake, the pilot snake of the Southeastern states from South Carolina to Florida, the fox snake of the middle West, the hog-nosed snake, the spreading adder, the water snakes and the large garter snakes.

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All attempts to storm the position had been checked by murderous machine-gun fire until a French officer discovered a vulnerable point. Selecting a second lieutenant, two sergeants, a corporal and four men, he led them on hands and knees through the long grass to the spot where he knew there was a breach in the defenses. Then three of the French officers abruptly leaped into the work, shouting in stentorian tones, "Forward with the bayonet!" and throwing bombs which exploded in the dugout.

The Germans, believing a large force was with the Frenchmen, had no time to get their weapons and surrendered. But now the three French captors began to feel nervous, as they saw no reason why the Germans should not fall upon them and exterminate them. They were saved by the six comrades, who came rushing in just at this moment. Again fooled, the entire German garrison was marched to the French rear, escorted by the nine "poilus," who had not lost a man.

The Stoker in Battle.

In the modern battleship, as is well known, the stoker, like the oarsman of ancient Roman galley, has his work all below deck. The seafight rages above him, and he can rarely if ever see a battle. One of the stories connected with the battle of Jutland illustrates the stolid character of the British stokers. A chance was given two of these during the fight to come from below. They were on the War-spite, which was heavily engaged. One of them was telling a domestic story to the other as they went up to the deck. At the hottest moment of the fight their grimy heads appeared at the top of the hatch round which splinters of shell were crashing. Above the hellish din the impassive voice of the stoker-telling stoker was heard, as calm as though at a "pub" over a mug of ale, saying, "I always thought 'er to 'ave married 'er."

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